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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116--EXPEDITED PROCEDURE--EXAMINING GROUP 1600** 

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Title

: METHODS FOR DELIVERING NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES INTO

CELLS AND ASSESSMENT THEREOF

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

### TRANSMITTAL LETTER

## Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are a Response After Final, responsive to the Final Office Action, mailed March 10, 2006, and a return postcard in connection with the above-captioned patent application. Because this Amendment is filed within three months of the Office Action, no fee should be due. However, if it is determined that a fee is due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1050 for the appropriate fee as stated below. If a Petition for extension of time is needed, this paper is to be considered such Petition.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee for the extension of time and any other fee that may be due in connection with this and the attached papers or with this application during its entire pendency to Deposit Account No. 06-1050. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted.

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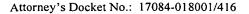
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# AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

#### Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action, mailed March 10, 2006, entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks are respectfully requested. It respectfully is submitted the amendment of claim 1 should place the application into condition for allowance or reduce the issues for appeal. It appears that the rejection was based on the inadvertent omission of a word "second" from the second alternative in claim 1. Claim 1 as amended addresses this omission.

A listing of the claims, begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

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